

PARK AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

MEETING MINUTES – MAY 15, 2019

PRESENT: Jacob Chesnutt, Ric Gordon, Marc Siegel, Betty Sonneveldt, Kristen Weaver, and Michael Lee

Staff: Greg Varda, Acting Director of Recreation Programs
Anne Oudemans, Recreation Supervisor

Excused: Les Whitmer, Mayor Jordan, Lola Skolnik

Meeting called to order at 7:30pm by Chair, Jake Chesnutt.

April minutes were approved.

Recreation Updates – Greg Varda

- Department Activities
 - Bike to Work Day is scheduled for May 17.
 - Celebration of Spring is scheduled for May 18.
 - Outdoor Pool Update- white coat is complete, pool is full, upcoming inspection expected to go well.
 - Greenbelt Day Weekend is June 1 & 2. Recreation highlights include the Bike Rodeo and Greenbelt Station Park dedication

Action Items

Council Referral

A resident recently visited Buddy Attick Park and noticed lots of visitors violating park rules. Also noted was a large number of Spanish speaking patrons. He suggested more signage with consideration given to bilingual signs.

Discussion: Members views varied as to the effectiveness of more signs at Buddy Attick Park. Greg mentioned the upcoming parking lot renovation and possible redesign of the park entrance. It was decided that the next meeting would be dedicated to a review of the existing signage to identify any changes to the list of park rules. Locations for the new signs will be delayed until the renovations are complete.

Review Basic Certification Recognition Group Applications

- Random Unselfish Acts of Kindness
- Greenbelt Black History Month Committee

Greg mentioned the recreation department's recent work with the two groups and recommended a vote to approve the two groups.

Ric moved to approve the two groups. All members voted in favor.

Old Business

- There will be a Dog Park Work Session on May 29 at 8pm in the Community Center.
- Response to Council

Discussion: Members wanted Council to know they were interested in providing input on any proposed modifications/improvements at Buddy Attick Park. The importance of the Buddy Attick Park Master Plan was mentioned as a critical guiding document. Jake plans to draft a memo to council, reminding them that PRAB is available and interested in providing input on all matters involving parks and recreation. Jake will share it with PRAB members.

The next meeting is scheduled for June 19, 2019.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm.